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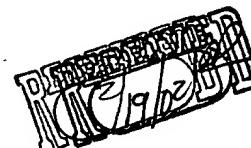
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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/450,551,
filed on 11/30/1999, entitled Methods and Apparatus for Self-Diagnosing Electronic Price Labels

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATION: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to end Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gas. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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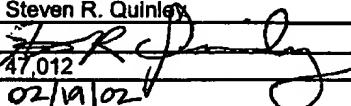
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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 11 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A electronic price label, comprising;
memory for storing price information;
an interface for receiving the price information for storage;
a display for displaying the price information;
a processor adapted to control operation of the memory, the interface and the display, the
processor being operative to perform diagnostic tests on one or more of the memory, the interface